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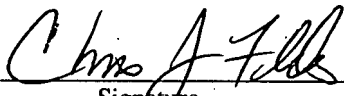
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the terminal disclaimer being submitted herewith.